

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE MERIT REVIEW
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES-B**

The meeting began on December 13, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Director's Room of the DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, William B. Barr, Ph.D., ABPP, presided throughout the meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

William B. Barr, Ph.D., ABPP, NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, New York, NY
Alan Bellack, Ph.D., VA Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
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John Newcomer, M.D., Washington University, St. Louis, MO (Teleconference)
Ann Olincy, M.D., Colorado Psychiatric Hospital, Denver, CO
Rosalind Roberts, Ph.D., University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
Akira Sawa, M.D., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins Institute, Baltimore, MD
David Sultzer, M.D., VA Medical Center, West Los Angeles, CA
John Welsh, Ph.D., Oregon Health and Science University, Beaverton, OR

VACO STAFF PRESENT

Theresa Gleason, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-B, Research and Development
Nilima Karnik, Program Analyst, Research and Development
Iris Tilghman, Analyst, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

Dr. Gleason welcomed the Subcommittee members and emphasized the importance of reviewing

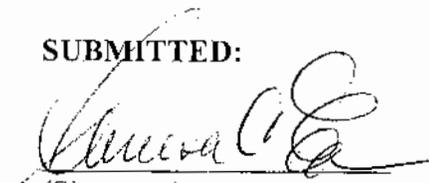
the proposals based upon their scientific merit. The need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements was also emphasized, particularly for those proposals which would probably not receive funding. Dr. Gleason discussed procedural matters including the need for confidentiality and the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research.

The date of May 31, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 19 Merit Review Programs. Four proposals were deemed not competitive and were not discussed or scored.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information.

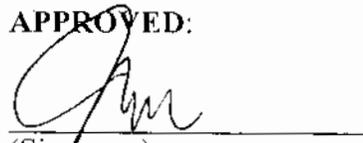
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THERESA GLEASON, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager

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APPROVED:


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WILLIAM B. BARR, PH.D., ABPP
Chairperson

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